

exercise of valid existing rights created by a contract, right of way, lease, permit or mining claim that is carried out in accordance with the regulations under which the rights were established.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Snook at BLM UCSC District, 1808 N. Third St., Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814 or call (208) 769-5004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The one mile road closure and horse corrals are located in section 6, T. 13N., R. 20E., Boise Meridian, Idaho. A map depicting the closure area and road is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Challis Field Office, located on Highway 93, Challis, Idaho.

The authority for establishing this restriction is contained in Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 8364, Section 1 (43 CFR 8364.1). This restriction does not apply to:

(1) Any federal, state or local government officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force while in the performance of an official duty.

(2) Any Bureau of Land Management employee, agent, contractor, or cooperater while in the performance of an official duty.

This temporary road restriction and closure is necessary to protect members of the public, the wild horses and burros, and the facility. Wild horses are, by definition, not yet gentled and may pose a danger to members of the public.

Violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

Dated: July 31, 2002.

Stephanie Snook,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-099-1150-MQ]

Notice Rescinding the October 18, 1999, Shooting Area Closure in South Phillips County, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Rescinding Notice of Closure.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on October 18, 1999, closed about 26,500 acres of public land to the discharge or use of firearms. The areas closed are described as the 40-Complex between Dry Fork and Beauchamp Creek, and an area south of Pea Ridge in south Phillips

County, Montana. The purpose of the closure was to protect habitat for the reintroduction of the endangered black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*). That habitat is black-tailed prairie dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) colonies.

House Bill 492 (HB 492) was passed by the Montana Legislature to allow the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) to manage black and white-tailed prairie dogs on Bureau of Land Management lands. Further action by FWP consisted of amending Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 12.2.501, to include black-tailed and white-tailed prairie dogs in the definition of non-game wildlife in need of management. The FWP Commission approved the adoption of the proposed ARM rule on January 24, 2002, and FWP filed the ARM adoption notice on February 20, 2002. Part of this rule making was to place a seasonal shooting closure on all BLM lands in Montana for black-tailed prairie dogs and a year-round shooting closure on black-footed ferret reintroduction sites. Since FWP has placed a year-round shooting closure on black-footed reintroduction sites, BLM's 1999 shooting closure is no longer required to protect the habitat for the black-footed ferret.

The BLM lands in the 40-Complex include:

T. 24 N., R. 27 E., sec. 20, all; sec. 21, all; sec. 25, all; sec. 26, all; sec. 27, all; sec. 28, all; sec. 29, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 34, all; sec. 35, all.

T. 24 N., R. 28 E., sec. 31, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$; Sec. 32, all.

T. 23 N., R. 27 E., sec. 1, lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 2, lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 3, lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 11, all; sec. 12, all; sec. 13, all.

T. 23 N., R. 28 E., sec. 5, lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 6, lots 1-7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 7, lots 1-4; E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 8, all; sec. 17, all; sec. 18, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$.

This includes the following prairie dog towns: B040, B041, B042, B043, B045, B047, B069, B072, and B148.

The BLM lands in the area south of Pea Ridge include:

T. 22 N., R. 29 E., sec. 9, all; sec. 10, all; sec. 11, all; sec. 13, all; sec. 14, all; sec. 15, all; sec. 17 E $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 21, all; sec. 22, all; sec. 23, all; sec. 24, all; sec. 25, all; sec. 26, all; sec. 27, all; sec. 28, all; sec. 29, all.

T. 22 N., R. 30 E., sec. 18, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 19, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 30, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$.

This includes the following prairie dog towns: B095, B096, B111, B163, and B164.

BLM would consider appropriate actions if FWP decides to rescind or significantly modify the Annual Rule Regulating Prairie Dog Shooting on Public Lands. This could include implementing a Land Use Closure on the 40-Complex and/or any other black-footed ferret reintroduction site under BLM administration to protect black-footed ferrets and the associated habitat in accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1.

The effective date of rescinding this closure is the date the notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce Reed at 406-654-5100.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1

Dated: June 17, 2002.

Bruce W. Reed,

Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-80041]

Notice of Invitation to Participate In Coal Exploration Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation to participate in Coal Exploration program Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Flat Canyon Tract, Boulger Canyon Area. Canyon Fuel Company is inviting all qualified parties to participate in its proposed exploration of certain Federal Coal deposits in Sanpete County, Utah.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of invitation to participate in Coal Exploration program Canyon Fuel Company LLC, Flat Canyon Tract, Boulger Canyon Area. Canyon Fuel Company is inviting all qualified parties to participate in its proposed exploration of certain Federal Coal deposits in Sanpete County, Utah:

T. 13 S., R. 6 E., SLM, UT

Sec. 28, lots 4-8, SW; Sec. 33, E2.

Containing 667.93 acres.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145, and to Mark Bunnell, Mine Geologist, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526. Such written notice must